

St. John Mmlenton 11:00 3/10/68

*Processional Hymn 54
*Call to Worship Pg. 148
*Confession of sin
*Assurance of Pardon
*Responsive Reading sel. 19 Pg. 571
Cmn 287
Scripture St. John 3: 1-17
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Prayer & Response
Anthem
Announcement
LENTEN SERVICE TONIGHT 8:00

Offering, Prayer
*Hymn 472
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 154
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Postlude

Salem Lamartine 9:30 3/10/68

*Processional Hymn 299
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*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
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Anthem
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LENTEN SERVICE MAR. 20TH 7:30
INVITE VISITORS TO S.S.
JOINT FELL. 6:30

Offering, Response, Prayer
Hymn 205
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 254
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Postlude

Call to Worship: Sing to the Lord, bless His name
tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare
His glory among the nations, His marvelous works
among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and
greatly to be praised..

Call to Confession: Ask and it will be given you,
seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be
opened to you. Come, let us open our hearts in conf
ession to Almighty God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: God shows His love for us in
that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

God so loved the world that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have eternal life. There is
therefore ^{now} no condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Womens guild will meet on Tuesday ~~at 7:30~~ March
16th at 7:30 here at the church. This will be the
Lenten quiet hour meeting.

Mrs. Morris is recuperating at the Polyclinic hosp.

Mrs. Violet Morrow is in the Polyclinic hosp.

MR. & MRS. PURKEY VISITORS

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP March 7, 1971

The Organ Prelude
*The Hymn of Praise 159
*The Call to Worship
*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Lord, we believe in thee; help thou our un-
belief. Lord, we love thee; yet not with per-
fect hearts. Lord, we long for thee; yet not
with our full strength. Lord, we trust in thee;
yet not with our whole selves. O Lord, our Christ,
may we have thy mind and thy spirit. Make us con-
trite that we might be renewed from our sinful
selves into new men and new women, according to
thy will and for the sake of thy glory. Amen.
*The Kyrie
*The Assurance of Pardon
The Scripture----John 3:1-17
*The Gloria Patri
Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
*The Doxology
*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
The Hymn of Meditation 164
The Sermon----Lenten Reflections
"God's Love Through Christ"
The Sermon Prayer
*The Hymn of Response 158
*The Benediction
*The Threefold Amen
*The Postlude

*Congregation Stands

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heidelberg Class meeting Tuesday March 9th at
7:30 P.M.

Win-A-Chum Class will conduct worship service
at Kinkora Home Sunday March 14th at 2:00 P.M.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory Meeting this afternoon at 2:00 P.M.

Mid-Week Community Lenten services will be
held Wed. evening March 10th at 7:30 P.M. at
Keboch Church. Father Brockman will be the
speaker.

Girl Scout Sermonette

LUKE

Text: Luke 10: 38-42

I suppose most of you girls are familiar with this object. What is the word we use for it when we work for something in scouting. An award isn't it? One of the main things of scouting is serving and being of service to others, right? But did you ever give any thought to the one big fault that all scouts and even grownups can get involved with? Any guesses what this is. Well the thing I have in mind is the fact that we can become so involved with serving that we forget just what it is we are serving and why. There is a story in one of the Gospels about this very thing. Anyone care to guess what this story is? Well let me read it to you. What Jesus said then is just as true today. We get so busy hustling and bustling about, doing our scouting, earning merit badges, serving on committees and so on. But we forget our aim and our purpose for doing all these things. This is the way many people work in the church. Some of them become almost robots. They are so busy serving on all types of committees and boards and sewing and all other activities that Jesus is forgotten in the shuffle. We must be careful that this does not happen to us. We should be thinking whether this service we are doing is really what Jesus wants us to do or is our service really a selfish motive to please our fellow man. Jesus should play a very important part in your young lives. You should try to do the things that would please Him. If you try to do this as best you can you will never lose track of who it is you are serving. Then you should be praying that you may do what is the right thing to do. You can apply these principles in scouting as well as all of the rest of your life. If each of us would try to live our lives, in each thing that we do, trying to do what Jesus would want us to do, our neighborhoods and communities would be better places for all of us to live in. God grant that each of us may try to live just this way each day of our lives. Let us pray.

God is Love

Text: John 3:16

Most of us here today have probably been brought up in the church. By this I mean that it is most likely that we started in the Sunday School when we were kids yea high. We were told wonderful stories of Jesus and God, and we sang lovely little songs about them. We thought of God as being way up there somewhere, riding on a cloud with the angel orchestra playing all of their harp, and the angel choir singing sweetly. Or we were made to think of Him as being a doddering old man, complete with beard, handing out His favors for being good and punishing people for being bad. As a result of this many people today still look upon God as being sort of like a supply sergeant of the quartermaster corps. He is doling out to each one whatever it is he needs or deserves. One little song that I have heard sung in many different Sunday schools is, "God is Love." This is the true picture of God. We heard it in our Scripture today also, "God ^{YES} loved the world. ^{HIS ONLY SON.} SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE

Love has been depicted in many different ways, and by the same token there are different kinds of love. Too often today if we mention love immediately everyone is conjuring up pictures of two movie stars, one male and the other female, on a tropic isle kissing and embracing. This is one type of love to be sure.

In the book, "Five thousand quotations for all occasions," the author has compiled five full pages for the word love. There are two columns of quotations on each page. To quote just a few for you. "Quote." There are all different interpretations of the word love, but not quite what I am referring to.

The type of love I have in mind is the love that lasts and endures. Physical love is a fleeting passing thing, but the love that withstands the storm and strife of hatred, jealousy, greed, envy, and all the other un-love-

ly thing of the world is a strong true love. This is the love that God has. He can love and even though people do not show love toward Him, He still continues to love. In fact His love for man was so great that He permitted His son to take our sins upon Himself and die in the manner in which He did. This is real love.

The Jewish people thought mostly of God in terms of Him being a vengeful God. A God who would reward or punish. A stern father type of God. But Jesus came along and re-interpreted this. He preached of a loving God. A God who looked upon His people like a loving father. Now this re-interpretation did not make Him a different God He is still the same God, but the way in which we view Him is what makes Him different. He wanted to love the Jewish people and care for them. But they were more concerned with making offerings and sacrifices to please God. They couldn't and wouldn't accept Him for the loving God that He was to them. He sort of had to be feared in order to be revered. Now this is not saying that we should think of God as a buddy or a pal. But we need not be so fearful of God that we feel we cannot come to Him unless we bring something or burn something to please Him first.

Jesus knew and understood God. He knew that God showed love and all He required in return was love shown to Him. Jesus also knew that the sacrifice He was making was out of love. He stated, "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." He knew His sacrifice was being done out of love. Love from God for permitting it and love from Jesus for doing it. So here we can see that love is not only giving but getting. We know from this then that another thing that Jesus needed was love. He needed the love of God and He needed to feel this love toward mankind.

Then too, love was a prevailing thought in the mind of Jesus. He spoke of it several times. He said love your enemies and pray for them. Then upon the cross He did this very thing. He prayed for the forgiveness of His executioners. Think of the amount of love this would take. He also said to love those who do not love us. But the big question is, how do we relate this

to our present day life and our present day world? Do these thoughts of love still apply today? Are they as relevant today as they were then? The answer lies with each of us. Only we can supply this answer and it is dependent on how much we are willing to apply these principles in our lives. We can relate this love to our present world if we are willing to love. And these thoughts are relevant if we are willing to make the sacrifice to apply them. By sacrifice I mean perhaps the loss of friends or so-called friends, when we are willing to help and assist people who would perhaps be classed as being beneath us socially. Let us look at some hypothetical cases and see where this love could and *should* be applied today.

Suppose we are leaving this Church today, and as we start on down the road, some fellow comes tearing around us in his car and forces us off the road and into the ditch. What should we do? The normal reaction is to become angry and curse the fellow for his stupidity and ignorance. But is this the way of the Christian? A real Christian would silently pray for that man that he may see the error of his ways and become a better person for it. Or perhaps we are walking down the road and someone drives by and ~~purposefully~~ rides into a puddle and splashes us with dirty water. What should we do as Christians? Again the normal reaction is anger. But this is not the way of Jesus. If we look at both of these examples we can see that to apply love in everyday living is not easy. It sounds easy for me to stand here and say don't get angry and curse and swear *OR SOME OTHER INSTANCE LIKE THIS.* if you get run off the road or splashed. But it isn't easy. It takes prayer, it takes a great amount of restraint and above all a great amount of love. The Christian life is made up of love, love, and more love.

If we want to apply this principle in the Church we can do it by the outreach we show to others. There are some Christians who are not concerned with the people of lesser or poorer means, ~~simply because they cannot properly carry their share of the Church's budget.~~ But here again this is not the love that Jesus taught. The Church is for everyone whether they are rich or poor. *BLACK OR RED OR YELLOW* Whether they have influence or not. Whether they are white ~~or colored.~~ We must and we should try to reach everyone that we can, to bring this message of love

to them.

There is a popular song ~~out~~ that states, "What the world needs now is love sweet love, that's the only thing that there's just too little of." Truer words could not be stated. Our world is in the most unloving state at the present time. But we can help to change this by showing love to all that we meet. If each Christian throughout the world would try this, the results would be stupendous. But you see there are too many of us Christians who are not willing to make the test and to prove it. We do not want to risk what we have to try it. But if we love people who are supposed to be our friends simply because we want to help and to love other people who need help, then these people were never our friends in the first place. Here again Jesus had something to say on this subject. He said, "Love one another." By this He meant that we should love each other in all circumstances. If we are helping other people who are perhaps less fortunate than we, then our friends should want to help too and not desert us. This is loving one another.

This matter of helping is sometimes confusing to some people. Many think of it as going out to some slum area and bathing babies and doing the wash for these people and other things such as this. In some instances this may be true. But more often we can help by merely talking to someone who wants an opinion or advice. We can help by merely saying a word of encouragement to someone who doesn't receive much encouragement. We can help by giving someone a good morning smile instead of a frown. We can help in many other ways too numerous to mention. There are many, many ways to serve and perhaps some fit us or are more suited to us than others. Whatever is best suited to us then is what we should be using to show forth our love.

One other thing Jesus said about love was, "that we should love God with all our heart, mind and soul, and love our neighbor as ourself." We can all love God fairly well, but this neighbor bit ^{is} kind of ~~i~~ hard to swallow. But the point most often overlooked is the part that states as ourself. We love ourselves pretty well and this can be attested to by the way we take care of number one. If we get to feeling ill we get to the doctor and we take good